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FISH PLENTIFUL AT THIS PORT.

SOME LARGE FARES HAVE ARRIVED SINCE YESTERDAY NOON.

Fish receipts at this port since yesterday noon have been pretty good. Along after dinner sch. Thomas Brundage shot in from the Rips with 50,000 pounds of pollock, followed by sch. Marion E. Turner, from the same ground, with 110,000 pounds of "ministers," as the fishermen call these black garbed fish.

A little later the big sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Fred Thompson, came in around the Point with a splendid fare, 20,000 pounds of halibut and 90,000 pounds of large fresh cod, and she only 15 days out, and along toward dusk sch. Alice, from the Cape Shore, put in an appearance with 90,000 pounds of fresh fish, half of which are cod. Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, from the shore grounds, was also among the arrivals with 12,000 pounds of fresh pollock.

This morning sch. Benjamin A. Smith arrived from the Rips with 90,000 pounds of fresh pollock, steamer Quartette landed 2600 weight of pollock from the shore grounds, sch. Metamora, from the Cape Shore grounds, had 70,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Mattie Winship came in from a Georges handline codfishing voyage and brought 28,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut.

Yesterday the Heath trap boat brought 15,000 pounds of pollock down to the Fort.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Thomas Brundage, Rips, 50,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Marion E. Turner, Rips, 110,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Alice, Cape Shore, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, shore, 12,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Rips, 90,900 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. John Hays Hammond, Georges, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 90,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Heath's trap, Manchester, 15,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges handline, 28,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Metamora, Cape Shore, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Quartette, shore, 2600 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Thalia, Rips.
- Sch. Elk, halibuting.
- Sch. Marjie Turner, halibuting.
- Sch. Lena and Maud, south seining.
- Sch. Electric Flash, south seining.
- Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, pollock seining.
- Sch. Shenandoah, pollock seining.
- Sch. Alert, pollock seining.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, pollock seining.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, pollock seining.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddocking.
- Sch. George H. Lube, haddocking.
- Sch. Terra Nova, Cape North shackling.
- Sch. Manomet, south mackerel netting.
- Sloop Jennie P., south mackerel netting.
- Sch. Piedmont, south mackerel netting.
- Sch. James and Esther, haddocking.

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Halibut Stocks and Shares.

The crew of sch. Cavalier shared \$38 as the result of her recent halibut trip.

The crew of sch. Preceptor shared \$36 as the result of her recent halibut trip.

Sch. Juno, Capt. John G. Stream, stocked \$1940 as the result of her recent short Georges trip, the crew sharing \$57.30 clear.

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ROCKPORT ITEMS.

Netting Fleet Fitting Out For the Mackerel Fishery.

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SCH CONSTELLATION CLEAR.

On Her Way Home With Cargo of Salt Herring.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Jerry Cook, is clear of the ice at Humber Arm, Bay of Islands, N. F., and is bound home with a cargo of salt herring. The craft got frozen in last January and Capt. Cook went down from here to take charge of her and continue fishing.

Caught Through the Ice.

Portland Fish Notes.

The warmer weather of the past few days has made a big change in the feelings of the fishermen engaged in pollock seining. The fish have come to the top in big schools and large catches are reported, in all about 200,000 pounds having been taken out here since Saturday. Large catches have been made in the vicinity of the Cape Elizabeth lightship, while quite a lot have also been taken off Small Point and were brought here Monday. Sales were at 75 cents per hundred pounds, round and \$1 dressed.

Another fact of great encouragement to the local fishermen transpired Monday, and that is the showing up of large sized herring along the coast. The sloop Vigilant brought in about 23 barrels of large sized fish and in addition some 14 barrels were brought in from the traps along shore. There is a big demand for this kind of herring at good paying prices.

Another halibut fare was brought in Monday, the Boston schooner Selma arriving from a fortnight's cruise on Georges. She brought in 14,000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 12,000 pounds of fresh fish. The halibut were sold to the J. W. Trefethen Company at 8 and 6 cents, but the rest of the catch will probably go to Gloucester. Good weather was encountered most of the trip.

The other Monday trips were: Steamers Elthier, with 14,000 lbs. pollock; E. N. Brown, 9000; Monhegan, 15,000; Pet, 12,000.

Sloops Olympia, 25,000 lbs. pollock; Mermaid, 2000; Wilbur Morse, 25,000; Vigilant, 23 bbls. herring; Laconia, fishing.

Sch. Regina Stocked \$1500 on Fresh Fish Trip.

Capt. Jere Shea of sch. Regina made a big stock for the catch he brought to T wharf yesterday. When he had totaled up the vessel had \$1500 to her credit. The trip of 10 days was a costly one, however, for the vessel. Failing to get bait at Boston, Capt. Shea went east for herring, and when he found them had to pay \$4 a barrel for them, and then got them as a favor. His bait bill for the trip was just \$200, which comes out of the vessel's stock.

Salt Bankers Fishing Off Cheticamp.

Some of the salt bankers which were fortunate enough to strike a fresh baiting at Queensport and Canso, after using up their Peak salt baiting, got up around Cape North through the ice and on May 3 were fishing off Cheticamp. They will use up the baiting on that well-known fishing spot and then will go to the Magdalens, which are very handy, for their next baiting. These crafts were fortunate in that they lost no fishing time.

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Belleoram, N. F., Fleet.

The Belleoram, N. F., correspondent in the Western Star:

"Our fishing fleet have arrived from the Western Shore fishery, with trips from 150 to 900 according to size of vessel and time of arriving at the fishing grounds. They were blocked in the harbors with the ice for 17 days at one time and but for the kindness of Capt. Fitzpatrick of the steamer Portia their delay would have been longer. They have sailed again on another trip, but there has been continuous gales of east wind this last week, and we fear rough weather have hindered them in their operations. Herring have appeared in large quantities this spring which accounts for the quick dispatch of the fleet."

Newfoundland Bank Fishery.

The Newfoundland bank fishery will be prosecuted with greater energy than ever this year, especially in the southern and western parts of the island. The taste of the American connection says a Newfoundland exchange, which was a feature of last fall's trade, has whet the appetite of west fishermen, and the banking fleet will be largely increased this year. The greatest evidence of the increased activity is shown in the wages offered to men to crew the banking schooners. The price began at \$220, and then rose to \$240, \$260 and \$280, and we hear of instances where men are getting \$300 for the season.

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SEINING FLEET SIGHT MACKEREL.

Fish Are Reported Very Wild and Crews Unable to Stop Them.

Southern Fleet the Present Season Smallest For Years.

There's mackerel to the southward, a good body of them, and the mackerel fleet has been on them and banged away for two days, without being able to stop a fish. The schools are large and wild as hawks. It is hard luck, but this is just the situation out south.

Capt. John W. McFarland of sch. Victor was in at Lewes, Delaware Breakwater, on Tuesday, and writes as follows:

"Have been on a large body of mackerel for the past two days, 57 miles east of Cape Henlopen. Very large schools and very wild. The fish are in from 45 to 50 fathoms of water and 10 sail of the fleet have been on them. We are in for harbor, the wind being heavy from the eastward."

A letter from Capt. John A. McKinnon of sch. Aloha, also in at the Breakwater for harbor, says practically the same as Capt. McFarland's letter.

Southern Mackerel Fleet Smallest on Record.

The southern mackerel seining fleet this season is believed to be the smallest on record. Thus far it numbers but 17 sail and the chances are it will be smaller before it is larger, as Cape Shore time is drawing nigh and the majority of the skippers will not miss that this year. The Cape Shore fleet, too, bids fair to be about as small as ever in the memory of the oldest fishermen.

The southern fleet includes the following vessels:

- Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Wheeler.
- Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine.
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall.
- Sch. Sylvania, Capt. Lemuel Firth.
- Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons.
- Sch. Aloha, Capt. John A. McKinnon.
- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Charles Maguire.
- Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland.
- Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William Bissert.
- Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Matheson.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch.

Sch. Independent, II., Capt. John McInnis.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis.

Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. Archie McLeod.

Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. George G. Hamor.

Schs. Alert and George Parker, which are all fitted for mackerel seining, are now fishing for pollock on the Rips and have not gone south.

As to the fleet fitting out, sch. Indiana is at Boston trying to get a crew, while the crafts fitting here are as follows:

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean.

The Cape Shore Fleet.

Schs. Lizzie M. Stanley and Pontiac will soon begin to fit for the Cape Shore and schs. Shenandoah, Jennie B. Hodgdon, Benjamin A. Smith, Alert and George Parker, and possibly sch. Georgia, are expected to turn their attention to mackerel seining about Cape Shore time.

Sch. Squanto may also go seining later.

Sch. Constellation, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., where she has been frozen in all winter, will also be one of the Cape Shore fleet if she gets home in time to get her herring out and fit away, which she probably will. In this event, Capt. Charles Maguire, now in sch. Marguerite Haskins out south, will command her.

This is about all there is in sight at present for the make-up of the mackerel fleet. Two vessels now fitting out are finding men quite scarce.

Fulton Market reports mackerel scarce this morning and is quoting 35 cents to Boston.

Two mackerel, the first of the season there, were taken in the traps at Newport, R. I., yesterday.

Capt. Joshua W. Stanley will now fit sch. Lizzie M. Stanley for a Cape Shore seining trip and it is expected that Capt. Enos Nickerson will also shift sch. Pontiac over for a Cape Shore mackerel voyage.

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Gulf Fleet Had Bad Weather.

Severe weather in the gulf caused three vessels to put in at Galveston, Tex., the latter part of last week. One was sch. Clara M. Littlefield, of Pensacola, with 18,000 pounds of red snapper and groupers. The fish were taken by the Gulf Fisheries Co. Capt. Paul Cossari, of the Littlefield, said that when 75 miles off Galveston, he encountered a "blow," which broke the rudder stock. The vessel lost her forestsail and jib.

The smack Hatteras of the Gulf Fisheries Co., and the smack Avalon, also had bad weather. The former had 16,000 pounds of fish.

Smallest Lobster.

John Marshall, a fisherman aboard the sch. Matchless, is not a lobsterman, but his specialty nevertheless seems to be catching lobsters. For not only does he hold the record for hauling in one of the biggest crustaceans ever caught on the New England coast, but Monday he drew into his dory the tiniest lobster that ever came out of the water. It weighed just two ounces and was caught on a trawl off Chatham.

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Made Slow Trip.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed made a rather slow passage home on her recent trip. About two weeks ago while going out, she ran on an unmarked ledge in Broad shoal, and tore off her false keel, which retards her sailing. Capt. Perry will not dock her until he is ready to have her repaired.

Will Sell to Splitters.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, from fresh drifting, arrived at T wharf this forenoon with 28,000 pounds of fresh cod and finding no sale for these live goods started for this port to sell to the splitters.

Peak Cod Sale.

The fare of fresh Peak cod of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley sold to Cunningham & Thompson Company at \$2.25 per hundred weight for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Sch. Virginia Spoken.

Capt. Joshua W. Stanley of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, reports speaking sch. Virginia on the Cape Shore, a few days ago.

Stock of Sch. Selma.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Albert Saulnberg, stocked \$2278.71 as the result of her recent Georges halibut trip, the crew sharing \$57.27 clear.

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NUMBER OF GOOD FARES.

SOME SNUG TRIPS LANDED AT THIS PORT SINCE PREVIOUS REPORT.

Good fares of fish and quite a number of them continue to arrive at this port. Yesterday afternoon sch. Valentinna, Capt. Peterson, which went out Monday night, returned from the Rips, with 50,000 pounds of fresh pollock. Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, came in during the afternoon from a shack trip to the Peak, with a fine catch, 129,000 pounds of fresh fish, 100,000 pounds of which are cod.

During the night, sch. Volant, Capt. Allen Dolman, the first of the salt Rips fleet, arrived with a good fare, 35,000 pounds of salt cod. Sch. Titania, Capt. Patrick Vale, also had a good snug Georges handline trip, 24,000 pounds of salt cod and 6000 pounds of halibut. Sch. Harvard was another night arrival from Georges, with an average fare.

Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson, from the Cape Shore, brought one of his usual loads, hailing for 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, half cod. The fare goes to the splitters. Sch. Selma came up from Portland where she landed her halibut.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, is in from Georges, hailing from the northeast peak, with a fine fare, 15,000 pounds of halibut, 45,000 pounds of large fresh cod and 12,000 pounds of salt cod.

During the night sch. Rebecca came down from Boston with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters.

The Heath trap took 40 barrels of herring last night and the Tarr trap had four barrels. The steamer Jeffery also came in with seven barrels and the steamer Yankee had 5000 pounds of pollock.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Valentinna, Rips, 50,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Peak, 130,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Volant, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Titania, Georges, handline, 24,000 lbs. salt cod, 6000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Harvard, Georges, handline, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Georges, halibuting, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 45,000 lbs. fresh cod, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Selma, via Portland.

Sch. Pontiac, Cape Shore, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, Bay of Islands, N. F., via Boston, 400 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Edward F. Black, Portland.

Sch. Rebecca, via Boston.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rebecca, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Yankee, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Jeffery, shore 7 bbls. fresh herring.

Heath's trap, 40 bbls. large fresh herring.

Sch. Fanny Hayden, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Emily Conney, pollock seining.

Sch. Georgia, pollock seining.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, pollock seining.

Sch. Valentinna, pollock seining.

Sch. Alice, Boston.

Sch. Indiana, Boston.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Edith Shiveira, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.

Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.25.

Large cod, \$2.50; mediums, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Peak fresh codfish, \$2.25 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75.

Hake, \$1.25.

Dressed pollock, \$1.25; round, \$1.15.

Georges halibut, 7 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 5 1-4 cts. for gray.

Shore cod, to split, \$2.50 for large; \$1.85 for medium.

Bank halibut, 7 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 5 1-2 cts. for gray.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Maxine Elliott passed north by Port Mulgrave, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis was at Shelburne, N. S., on Monday and cleared.

Schs. Lillian, Elmer E. Gray and Niagara were at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

Schs. Muriel, Corona, Rhodora and George Campbell were at Canso, N.S., on Monday, the latter with 60,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

Sch. Margaret cleared from Canso, N. S., for the Magdalen Islands on Monday.

Sch. Elizabeth N., of Bucksport, Maine, one of the salt trawl bank fleet, was at North Sydney, C. E., a few days ago.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt of this port, one of the trawl bank cod fleet, was at Bay of St. George, N. F., recently to secure a baiting.

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Portland Fish Notes.

The steam fishing vessel Carrie and Mildred came in Tuesday with a trip of 5000 pounds of fish for the local market. Outside of this trip there was but little fish brought in outside of the fares landed by the small boats.

But few of the larger sized local fishing vessels are bringing their fares here at present, selling them at other ports, the market being mostly supplied by the boat fishermen.

In addition to the sch. Lochinvar, schs. Eva and Mildred and Edmund F. Black were all at Port Clyde on Monday with fares which they sold to the canning factories.

The local fishing sch. Lochinvar, which has been absent so long as to cause much enquiry as to her whereabouts, was reported at Port Clyde yesterday with a good sized fare.

There was quite a falling off in the receipts of pollock Tuesday as compared with the preceding day. A thick fog prevailed outside all day and but few of the fishing craft made any attempt to secure a catch.

Fulton Market Fish Notes.

There was a better variety of fish in the market during the past week than in some time past. Trade was better, prices not being too high on fancy fish, while ground fish was cheap enough for anyone to purchase.

There was an easy tone throughout, lobsters and other shellfish, with the exception of hard crabs, being low in price.

Codfish smacks, arriving during the last two weeks were: Earl and Nettie (two trips), 2600 fish each trip; Conquest, (two trips), 2000 and 2400 fish; Grace Phillips, 1400 fish; Ada Bell, 1900 fish; Mary F. Durree, 500 fish; Ira and Abbee, 425 fish; W. T. Dodge, 3900 fish; Viking, 1400 fish, and Eleanor Hill, 1900 fish.

Market cod sold during the week at 2 1-2 to 3 cents and steak cod at 4 to 6 1-2 cents.

Flounders sold at 2 to 3 cents.

Haddock, hake and pollock was quoted at 3 1-2 to 4 cents.

Western white halibut sold at 7 to 8 cents and Eastern fish at 10 to 15 cents.

Salt Bankers Spoken.

Capt. Joshua W. Stanley of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, reports speaking the salt bankers Arethusa, Smuggler and Hazel R. Hines on the Peak a week ago. These were the only bankers fishing there.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Jeffery Thomas, one of the shack fleet, came there the day before the Stanley sailed for home.

Schs. Hazel R. Hines and Smuggler had secured fresh bait in the vicinity of Canso, N. S., and were fishing on that previous to going to the Magdalen for another baiting.

Sch. Smuggler, hailed for 130,000 pounds and sch. Hazel R. Hines 140,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Arethusa, which got a big herring baiting at Provincetown, had fished four days before the Stanley left for home, striking 30 tubs the first day.

Salt Herring Fare Sold.

The 400 barrels of salt herring which sch. Thomas A. Cromwell brought from Bay of Islands, N. F., where she was frozen, in all winter, were bought by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The price paid is reported as remarkably good at this season of the year and the fish will be smoked immediately.

RECIPROCITY MEASURE ATTACKED.

Several Interests Protested Against Its Passage Yesterday.

Savage attacks on the Canadian reciprocity bill marked yesterday's hearing on that measure by the senate finance committee. Farmers from the

per all poured forth their protest against the measure.

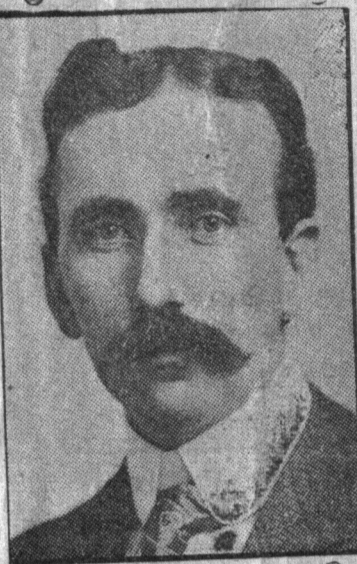
The Gloucester representatives were Thomas J. Carroll and Guy Cunningham, Esq., of the Board of Trade. They contented themselves with the filing of a brief prepared by the board of trade and widely distributed in Massachusetts. In a short statement, Mr. Carroll told the committee that opposition to the reciprocity bill is growing among the fishermen.

"Time has not softened the opposition we expressed before the ways and means committee of the house last winter," said Mr. Carroll. "The more we study the proposed agreement the more opposed we are to it. We consider it a bad arrangement and one from which the Gloucester fishing industries would suffer severely."

George S. Ladd, chairman of the executive committee of the Massachusetts grange, startled the committee and brought a round of applause from the delegation by grangers who attended the hearing by saying that annexation of Canada would be better than passing the pending bill.

"Instead of beating about the bush and going in for this bill," he said, "you would better introduce a bill directing the President to negotiate with England for the annexation of Canada. This will bring to Canada the same burdens we have to bear and enable her to receive the blessings."

Mr. Ladd said the cost of necessities to the Canadian farmer was much lower than that which the American farmer had to pay.



THOMAS J. CARROLL, Who Spoke in Opposition to Reciprocity at Washington Yesterday.

border states, fishermen from this city, manufacturers of wire cloth for book, wrapping and news-print pa-

LAST TRIP A NOTABLE ONE.

CAPT. THOMPSON WILL LEAVE SCH. JOHN HAYS HAMMOND FOR NEW CRAFT.

Capt. Fred Thompson has made his last trip in sch. John Hays Hammond a crack-a-jack. The craft arrived here yesterday from Georges, after having been out but 15 days, with 20,000 pounds or better of halibut, and 90,000 pounds of large fresh codfish. The halibut sold at eight cents per pound for gray, to the New England Fish Company, and the stock for the trip will be in the vicinity of \$3500, which means that the crew will take down something around the \$100 mark for their share of the wind-up trip in the Hammond.

Capt. Thompson reports getting his fare on the northeast part of Georges, striking fine fishing, but that dogfish struck solid on the last end of the voyage.

Capt. Thompson will now shift over into the new sch. Gov. Foss, which he and Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney own together. In schs. John Hays Hammond and Dictator he has carved out for himself a reputation as a master mariner of the first rank and has lived right up to that reputation, trip after trip. He takes command of the new one with the best wishes of a host of friends for a continuance of success.

It is expected that Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney will take command of the John Hays Hammond for the summer season, and engage in halibuting or shacking.

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Salt Fish Market.

The market is dull. There is a small demand, but May is usually regarded as one of the poor months, and it is justifying its reputation. The curers have not changed their prices, the season being a backward one, and there being only a very small quantity of newly put-up goods in the market.—New York Fishing Gazette.

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For Georges Halibuting.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon is here from Boston to fit for Georges halibuting under command of Capt. Stephen Black.

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NO CHANCE ON RAILWAYS.

So Capt. Wharton of Sch Arkona Decided to Return to the Banks.

Sch. Arkona, of the salt bank fleet, which was ashore recently off Louisburg, C. B., and floated and went to North Sydney to haul out on the ways, was unable to get a chance on the ways, so Capt. Wharton, determined not to lose any valuable time, secured a baiting or fresh herring there and went out without having to wait. The craft was leaking, but not enough but what it was all right to go out and continue the voyage.

SCH. T. M. NICHOLSON FREE.

Now Bound to This Port With Cargo of Frozen Herring.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport, Me., one of last winter's herring fleet, which was caught in the ice at Bonne Bay, N. F., last January and remained frozen in all winter, got clear a few days ago and is now on the way to this port with a full cargo of frozen herring. The fare will be put in the freezer.

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Pollockers Found No Fish.

The fleet of shore pollockers did not see any fish off here yesterday. The fleet divided, part hanging to the eastward, down off Thatcher's island, while others were up this way and off Halfway Rock, but no fish were seen.

Taking Rest Ashore.

Capt. John Brooks of sch. Ida S. Brooks, was a visitor at T wharf yesterday morning. He is taking a rest ashore, and has sent his schooner out with a transient captain.

Lost Foretopmast.

Sch. Valerie, which is at Boston this morning, reports loss of foretopmast, the spar being carried away last night as the craft was coming up the bay.

Accepted Position as Mackerel Buyer.

Philip Keating of this city has accepted a position as mackerel buyer with Willis H. Rogers & Co., Fulton Market, New York.

SCH. VALERIE HAD HALIBUT.

LANDED 16,000 POUNDS AT T WHARF ON HADDOCK-ING TRIP.

The feature arrival at T wharf this morning is sch. Valerie, Capt. Albert Larkin, one of the haddocking, or shacking fleet. The craft has about 105,000 pounds of fresh fish and this part of her fare was expected, but when Capt. Larkin hailed for 16,000 pounds of halibut on top of this, the dealers stuck out their eyes in wonder. But she had them all right, and Capt. Larkin will make a rousing stock. He reports getting his fare on Western bank. Of the fresh fish, 70,000 pounds are hake, which part will probably be brought here to the splitters.

As far as haddock are concerned, the market has a winter touch to it this morning, for off-shore stock are going at from \$2 to \$3, while shore haddock are bringing \$3 to \$4.50. Cod are about splitting prices and there is little doing on hake and cusk. A small lot of halibut in one of the Provincetown vessels brought 10 cents for white and 7 cents for gray, but the Valerie's big lot had not sold when this report was taken.

Three of the fresh drifters have ordinary fares of cod, and sch. Rose Dorothea, from the eastward has the big catch of 100,000 pounds of cod, haddock and cusk and 2000 pounds of halibut, beside. Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan brings mostly hake. Sch. Catherine D. Enos, from bay fishing, has her usual fine fare of live cod, 23,000 pounds.

Shad from the Kennebec were received at T wharf yesterday morning and the shipments are increasing. Prices were low and the fish have a good sale. Their presence in the market with mackerel has given a boom to business.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1600 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake, 2500 cusk.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 27,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Hope, 9000 cod.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 35,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 8000 hake, 27,000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 7000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 11,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 23,000 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 16,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Valerie, 20,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 70,000 hake, 2000 cusk, 16,000 halibut.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 28,000 cod. Off shore haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$3 to \$4.50; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.80 to \$2; hake, \$1.15 to \$1.60; cusk, \$1.15 to \$1.75.

Will Take Trip to Azores.

Capt. Manuel C. Santos was bidding good bye to his friends at T wharf yesterday morning, preparatory to taking a trip to his boyhood home in the Azores. Capt. Santos made a visit to his parents at St. Michael eight years ago, his first for nearly a score of years, and will now take advantage of the sailing of the steamer from Providence next Saturday to make another. Some 40 of the Provincetown fishermen will also go on the trip. Capt. Manuel Rigo takes Capt. Santos' vessel during his absence.

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Halibut Fares Sold.

The fare of halibut of sch. Waldo L. Stream sold to the New England Fish Company at 7 1-2 cents per pound for white and 5 1-2 cents for gray.

The fare of Georges headline halibut of sch. Titania sold to the American Halibut Company at 7 1-2 cents for white and 5 1-4 cents for gray.

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Seeking Bait.

There were nearly a dozen French and Newfoundland fishing vessels at North Sydney, C. B., Tuesday, for bait, which at present is none too plentiful. The visitors complain that the price asked by the local fishermen for their herring, \$2.50 a barrel, is too high. One vessel, a French barquentine, wanted 250 barrels.

Alewipes at Edgartown.

Our Edgartown correspondent wires that alewives are still plenty there.

MACKEREL NETTERS AT NEW YORK.

Most of the Fares Are Small and Fish Are Quoted at 28 Cents Each.

The following netters arrived at Fulton Market, New York, this morning. Prices are evidently down again, as the New York dealers are quoting Boston 28 cents on the fish.

Sloop Vesta, 605 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Minerva, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Fred, 100 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Wood and Mack, 100 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lillian 1150 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. W. H. Reed, 700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Tecumseh, 1800 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Maxwell, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. E. H. Smeed, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. A. M. Hamilton, 600 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Pearl, 800 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite, 600 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Lear C., 500 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Klondike, 300 large fresh mackerel.

It will be seen that most of the fares are small and this would seem to indicate that the netting fleet as a whole has not struck any good fishing or any body of fish.

Sch. Lucania Lost Most of School.

One of the netters at Fulton Market, in addition to her own catch,

had 260 large mackerel, which she brought to market for Capt. Martin L. Welch of sch. Lucania. These few fish were what he was able to save out of a set at one of the big wild schools, and as they were not enough to leave the fishing grounds and run in with to market, he sent them in by the little netter, which was bound in with a fare.

Netters Off Edgartown Taking Few Fish.

A telegram to the Times from its Edgartown correspondent states that the little mackerel netters of that port and vicinity which have been fishing off there, have been getting from 20 to 100 mackerel each each night for the past five nights.

Capt. George E. Heckman will now fit sch. Slade Gorton for a Cape Shore mackerel seining trip.

A dispatch from Newport received yesterday morning said that the haulers found now in the traps, cod, pollock, stripper bass, scup, squid, whiting and mackerel in small quantities. Seven mackerel were taken in one trap Wednesday and one was found in a net with pollock.

Capt. Anthony King of sch. Jessie Costa, reported at T wharf yesterday that while his vessel was fishing about four or five miles from Chatham he saw large numbers of tinker mackerel.

Dealers are now satisfied that there are mackerel in fair numbers in the waters about Nantucket. A barrel of mackerel came from Edgartown to Boston Wednesday and yesterday morning another barrel arrived from the same shippers.

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FOR NEWFOUNDLAND RECIPROCITY.

President Taft Favors Measure Similar to That With Canada.

Only Awaiting Confirmation of the Latter Before Acting.

The expected has happened. President Taft has had reciprocity with Newfoundland in mind as well as with Canada, and has been quietly waiting to settle the matter before taking up the former. However it has leaked out and no attempt is made to deny it.

A Washington dispatch says: "It was strongly intimated at the White House today that the President will pick Representative McCall of Massachusetts to lead his fight in the House for a reciprocity agreement with Newfoundland, similar to that now being negotiated with Canada proper. The Massachusetts congressman was at the White House Wednesday and was there at a time when the Newfoundland matter was under discussion."

Another Washington dispatch says: "Secretary Knox, while ready to enter into negotiations with Newfoundland for a reciprocity arrangement upon lines similar to the measure now pending before Congress, has decided to await the action of Congress on the Canadian bill before proceeding with what would be a useless task in the event that the Canadian arrangement fails.

Newfoundland has little to offer as a basis for exchange besides her markets and a free fishing privilege, but it is believed that the consideration would be sufficient if the Newfoundlanders were willing to remove existing export restrictions on pulpwood and pulp, which were imposed with a view to inducing American paper-makers to erect their mill in Newfoundland."

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Muriel sailed from Canso, N. S., for the Magdalen Islands for bait Tuesday.

Sch. Corona also sailed from there the same day.

Sch. Margaret passed north by Mulgrave, N. S., Tuesday.

Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney is fitting sch. John Hays Hammond for fresh halibuting.

Capt. Joseph V. Bonia has fitted sch. Tacoma for a northern flitted halibut trip and the craft is in the stream ready to make a start.

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Halibut Sale at Boston.

The fare of halibut of sch. Valerie taken out at T wharf, Boston, sold for 7 1-2 for white and 5 1-2 cents for gray.

Herring in Boston Bay.

Capt. Albert Larkin of sch. Valerie reports great shoals of sea herring in Boston bay. Yesterday he sighted several large rafts east from the light-ship 10 miles.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Kineo sold to the American Halibut Company at 6 1/2 cents per pound right through for white and gray.

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FRESH CODFISH PRICE RISING.

BUSINESS ACTIVITY SHOWN BY THE GLOUCESTER SALT FISH COMPANY.

Fresh codfish are still climbing the price ladder, and there is no telling when the limit of bidding will be reduced. Yesterday afternoon they took another good advance, when the fare of sch. Fannie E. Prescott, one of the fresh drifters, which came down here from Boston with 28,000 pounds of fine goods, sold to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company. The price paid was \$2.60 for large and \$1.95 for mediums, an advance of 10 cents each over last sales on both large and mediums.

This morning, fresh medium cod took a jump and large and medium cusk also advanced. The fare of fresh fish of sch. Ellen C. Burke sold to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company at \$2.55 per cwt. for large cod and \$2.05 for mediums, while the large cusk brought \$1.85 and medium cusk \$1.35.

The prices on this trip are five cents less on the large cod than was paid for the Prescott's large fish, which in turn was 10 cents better than last previous sales, making a net gain of five cents on the large, while the advance on mediums was 10 cents more than the Prescott's price, which was also 10 cents more than last previous sales.

On cusk, the prices paid for the Ellen C. Burke's fish are 10 cents above last previous sales, both on large and mediums.

Fresh Peak codfish brought \$2.25 for large and \$1.65 for mediums yesterday instead of \$2.25 and \$1.75 as was reported. This is a drop of 10 cents on the medium fish from last previous sales.

Valuable Lobster Shipment.

The largest and most valuable shipment of lobsters brought to Boston this season arrived yesterday afternoon on the steamship Boston, which reached her berth at Long wharf just before 1.

On the decks were crates of the crustaceans, in addition to the large amount in the holds. In all she had 1600 crates of live lobsters, weighing about 224,000 pounds and valued at nearly \$30,000.

The arrival of the great cargo is likely to affect prices and buyers look for a decided slump. All the lobsters came from the traps on the Nova Scotia coast.

Halibut Eight Feet Long.

A gigantic halibut was delivered on the Grimby Market recently. It measured over eight feet in length and drew the scales at 24 stones.

When caught on an ordinary line it gave no trouble until drawn to the surface, and then it played with the fishermen for a long time until with several great hooks under its gills and powerful lines attached it was drawn on board by the steam winch. The monster was sold at auction for £5, which is almost a record.—Westminster Gazette.

For Cargo of Salt Herring.

The American three masted sch. Carrie S. Ware, from Lubec, Me., for the Magdalen Islands with 1200 sacks of salt, arrived in North Sydney, C. B., Sunday after a pretty rough passage down the coast. The Ware will have necessary repairs made and will proceed to the Magdalens, where she will load 3500 barrels of herring for Lubec. Besides the Ware, there are about 35 other vessels from Maine ports bound to the Magdalen Islands for herring, one of the vessels being a three masted schooner that will take 7000 barrels.

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NEW STEAMER COMPLETED.

Will Probably Be Launched at Essex on Saturday.

The new fishing steamer building at the yard of A. D. Story at Essex, for the Atlantic Fertilizer Company of New York, is completed as far as her hull is concerned and will probably be launched on Saturday noon. She will be towed to Portland immediately after the launching, as in addition to the installation of her boilers and machinery, which are to be put in by the Portland Company, a large amount of work will also be done by the Portland Shipbuilding Company, who will put on her steering gear, deck houses and a lot of carpenter work which will have to be done before she is ready for sea.